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**ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET OCTOPUS CLOSURE
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The retention of octopus in the Cook Inlet Area will close at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 26.

According to provisions of 5 AAC 38.360 Cook Inlet Area Octopus Management Plan, there is no open season for directed fishing for octopus, however, retention as bycatch is allowed up to an annual guideline harvest level (GHL) of 35,000 pounds. Based on reported harvests from state waters, the octopus GHL will be achieved.

For additional information on Cook Inlet Area fisheries, please contact ADF&G in Homer, at 235-8191.

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